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Gap Analysis Program (GAP) Overview

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Mission and Purpose

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Mission

The mission of the FEMA Gap Analysis Program is to enhance disaster response capabilities at the local, state and federal levels by identifying potential shortfalls and building strategic capability to address those shortfalls against potential disasters.

Purpose

- The purpose of the FEMA Gap Analysis Program is to engage state, federal and other partners in a process that identifies and addresses shortfalls in meeting disaster resource and planning requirements. Gaps are identified by comparing current capabilities to disaster response requirements. These shortfalls are addressed through collaborative planning and action by state, federal and other partners.

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Goal & Objectives

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Goal

The goal of GAP is to institute a comprehensive program to review existing state response capabilities against the requirements of a stated disaster scenario, and report differences between existing and required capabilities. These measurements will assist Regions and states in identifying areas where additional resources are needed to sufficiently address the needs of respective populations.

Objectives

- Establish a process for evaluating and improving disaster response readiness at the federal, state and local level.
- Increase awareness of potential shortfalls prior to a disaster.
- Develop solutions to fill response gaps.
- Reduce reliance on federal government for immediate disaster response needs.

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Background and History of GAP

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- Initiated in 2007 with five hurricane-prone Regions.
- Data collection tools and process was developed collaboratively by FEMA and New York State and New York City Emergency Management Offices.
- Program scheduled to be fully implemented, nationwide in Spring 2009.

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Critical Areas – Data Collection

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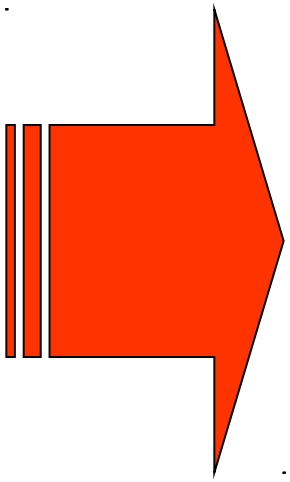
2007 Hurricane-focused Template

- **Commodity Distribution**
- **Debris Removal**
- **Evacuation**
- **Sheltering**
- **Interim Housing**
- **Fuel Availability**
- **Medical Needs**
- **Communications**



2008 All-Hazards focused Template

- **Commodities Distribution**
- **Emergency Debris Clearance**
- **Transportation and Evacuation**
- **Sheltering/Mass Care**
  - **General Population**
  - **Companion Animals**
  - **Special Needs**
- **Search and Rescue**
- **Fuel and Emergency Power**
- **Medical (With HHS)**
- **Communications**

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Why We Need the GAP

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- Hurricane Katrina – We can't afford to wait
- Katrina Reform Act – Authorizes FEMA not to have to wait
- Stafford Act – Accelerated federal assistance
- Reality – An effective response requires & demands coordination with the states & interagency community
- GAP enables FEMA & its emergency management partners to be in better position to provide assistance when needed

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Key Partners

- FEMA Headquarters and Regional Offices
  - Disaster Operations
  - Disaster Assistance
  - Logistics
  - Communications
- State
  - Emergency Management Offices
- Other Federal Agencies
  - Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
  - United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
  - TRANSCOM,NORTHCOM and National Guard Bureau (NGB)
- Private Sector

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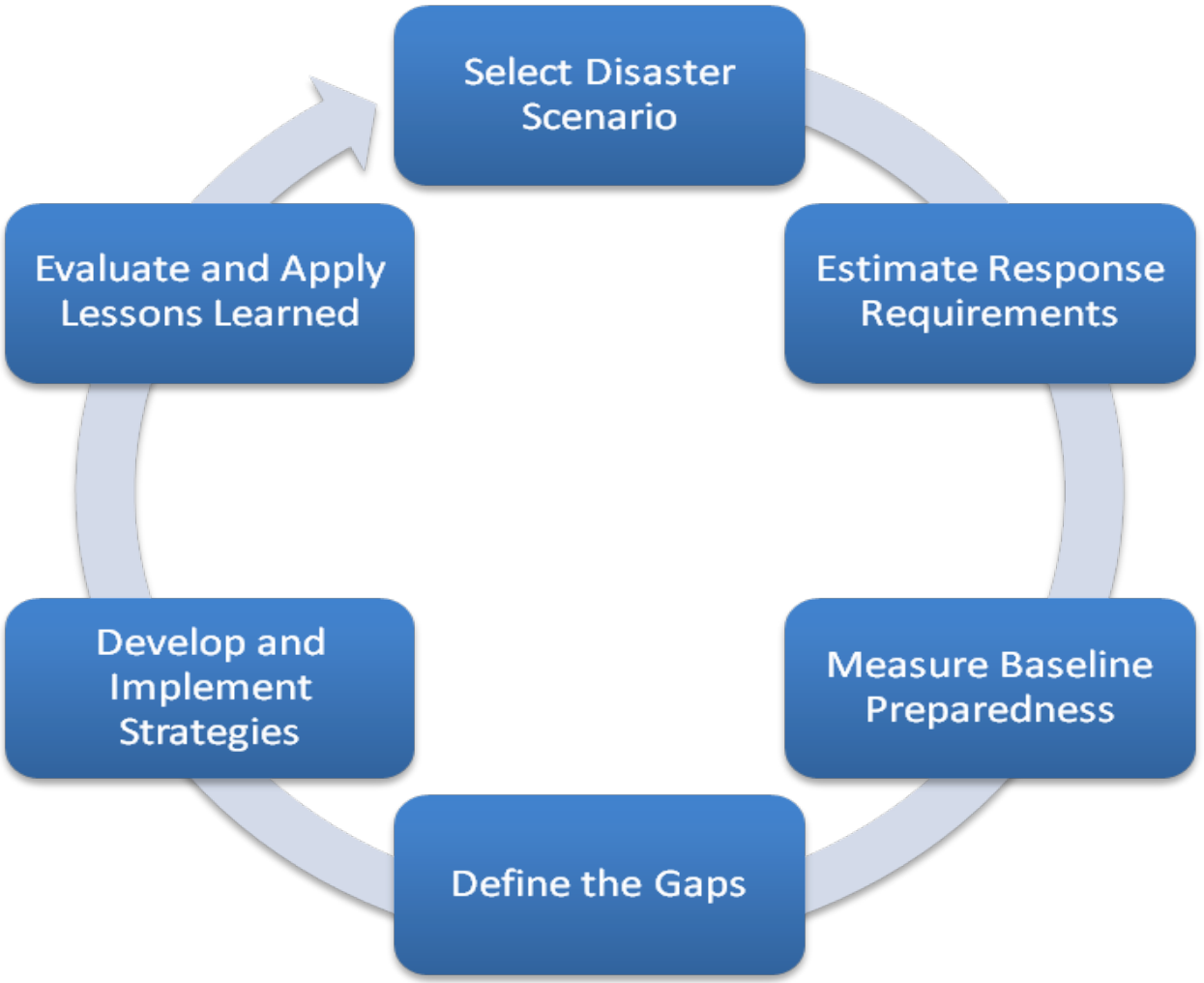
GAP Lifecycle



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Use of GAP in Recent Events

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- Region IV and VI
  - The GAP process provided greater awareness of potential needs.
  - Identification of gaps months before the event, helped the regions develop plans to address potential shortfalls before they became a problem.
  - As a result of GAP process Regions:
    - Developed host-state agreements for sheltering
    - Created alternative evacuation plans
    - Pre-staged of mass care supplies
- Headquarters
  - GAP provided insight of potential state and local requests for assistance and allowed FEMA to alert federal stakeholders of potential needs during the early preparation process.

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